

PROGRAM & REGISTRATION MATERIALS

THE BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION  
OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PRESENTS

THE NINTH ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE

JUNE 22-23, 2009

*Brain Injury Moves Ahead:  
Creating A Community  
of Partnership*



LANCASTER MARRIOTT &  
CONVENTION CENTER

LANCASTER, PA

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# CONFERENCE INFORMATION

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce the 2009 Annual Conference. The conference will be held on June 22-23, 2009. The theme this year is *Brain Injury Moves Ahead: Creating A Community of Partnership*. Focusing on our theme, the conference program will feature four outstanding and dynamic keynote sessions as well as four concurrent education tracks covering the following topic areas:

- **Improving Clinical Support & Services**
- **Activism & Advocacy**
- **Improving the Quality of Life**
- **New Alternatives in Treatment**

CEU credits will be offered. For a complete listing of continuing education credits, visit [www.biapa.org](http://www.biapa.org). A post-conference ACBIS course and exam is scheduled. We are expecting more than 300 attendees including families, survivors, and a wide variety of rehabilitation professionals so don't miss this high quality event at the new Lancaster Marriott and Convention Center.

### Registration Information Three Ways to Register

**Mail** the enclosed registration form to:

**Brain Injury Association of  
Pennsylvania**  
950 Walnut Bottom Road  
Suite 15-229  
Carlisle, PA 17015

**Fax** the form to: (717) 776-4420

**Online registration** is available at  
**[www.biapa.org](http://www.biapa.org)**

Registrations can not be processed without proper payment. Please provide your email address on the registration form to receive an electronic confirmation.

**Questions? Contact Kara Dohrman at  
1-866-635-7097 or email  
[admin@biapa.org](mailto:admin@biapa.org)**

## THE NEW LANCASTER MARRIOTT & CONVENTION CENTER

### OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

The conference will be held at the NEW Lancaster Marriott and Convention Center located at Penn's Square in the heart of Lancaster City.

**Conference attendees have a reduced rate of \$89. Overnight reservations can be made by calling 1-866-503-3786 or 1-717-239-1600. The conference rate of \$89 can be obtained by requesting the Brain Injury Association room rate. Online reservations may be made at [www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com). The online reservation code is BIABIAA.**

The hotel is surrounded by numerous attractions, a thriving arts community, outlet shopping, and famed Central Market. Founded in 1683 by William Penn, the city of Lancaster is one of the oldest cities in the United States. The city has recently begun to revitalize its downtown and has grown to be known for its burgeoning arts community and top-notch restaurant scene.

Because all work and no play makes for a dull stay, the Lancaster County Convention Center's central location insures visitors quality free time. A variety of museums and restaurants, shops and art galleries dot the center of town, while a short drive away are upscale shopping outlets, Clipper Magazine Stadium, home of the Atlantic League's Barnstormers, Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre, American Music Theatre, Hersheypark and Dutch Wonderland Family Amusement Park.

**For more ideas on things to see and do while in town, visit the following sites:**

Downtown Lancaster:  
[www.downtownlancaster.com](http://www.downtownlancaster.com)  
Downtown Arts Community:  
[www.lancasterarts.com](http://www.lancasterarts.com)  
Throughout Lancaster County:  
[www.padutchcountry.com](http://www.padutchcountry.com)

# WELCOME

Welcome to the 2009 Annual Conference! Please come and share in one of our best Conferences yet! This conference features an exciting lineup of presenters and topics focused on “*Brain Injury Moves Ahead: Creating A Community of Partnership*”.

Our Opening Keynote session will be “*Gifts from the Broken Jar*”. PJ Long is PJ Long’s life-altering moment came when the bolt of a terrified horse left her brain-injured. She became a stranger to herself, unable to drive a car, prepare a meal, or carry on a conversation. But when PJ began to write, pen and ink acted as needle and thread, mending her torn mind and stitching together a new life. Ms. Long will be signing and selling her books following her presentation.

Our Breakfast Keynote session on Tuesday morning will be led by Dr. James Callahan from The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. Dr. Callahan and his guest panelists will discuss sports concussions. Sports concussions affect more than 300,000 people annually in the United States with the majority of injuries occurring in ten to eighteen year old patients. Recognition and understanding concussions, as well as the effects this “invisible injury” can have are necessary to ensure safe and productive returns to both school and sports. The Lunch Keynote speaker will be Congressman Todd Platts. Representing the 19<sup>th</sup> District for Pennsylvania in the United States Congress, Congressman Platts leads the push for new legislation in the area of brain injury. Closing the Conference will be a presentation of the DVD “*Beyond the Invisible*”. As the regional care coordinator for the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center, Scott will moderate a discussion following presentation of “Beyond the Invisible”. Discussion topics will include differences and similarities between military and civilian TBI, the impact of that TBI has on survivors and their families, and cultural issues that impact survivor families.

As always, a rich array of breakout sessions covering topics under the tracks of **Improving Clinical Support & Services, Activism & Advocacy, Improving the Quality of Life, New Alternatives in Treatment** will be offered. Plus, a special workshop featuring Monica Vaccaro, Support Group Coordinator will be held just for Support Group Facilitators.

Remember, your conference registration entitles you to Annual Membership in the Association, so by registering for this year’s Conference, your BIAPA Membership is automatically renewed for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Attend the [Association’s Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony](#) on [Monday afternoon, June 22](#), where we will chart the course for the year to come and elect Directors. Join us to celebrate the achievement of many individuals in the field of brain injury rehabilitation.

Deborah Cerra-Tyl and Drew Nagele  
[Conference Co-Chairs](#)

## 2009 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

**Co-Chairs : Deborah Cerra-Tyl, Drew Nagele**

Madeline DiPasquale, Jane Keim, Marlene Nathans, Ron Palacio, and Monica Vaccaro

**REGISTER ONLINE AT [WWW.BIAPA.ORG](http://WWW.BIAPA.ORG)**

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Monday, June 22, 2009

8:30 AM	Registration Opens
10:00 AM-7:00 PM	Exhibits Open
10:00 AM-10:45AM	Welcome Plenary <b>P.J. Long</b> - <i>Gifts from the Broken Jar</i>
11:00 AM-12:15 PM	Workshops 1, 2, 3 & 4
12:15 PM-12:45 PM	Box Lunch / Visit Exhibits
12:45 PM-2:00 PM	Workshops 5, 6, 7 & 8
2:00 PM-2:15 PM	Visit Exhibits
2:15 PM-3:30 PM	Workshops 9, 10, & 11
3:30 PM-3:45 PM	Afternoon Break / Visit Exhibits
3:45 PM-4:30 PM	Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania Annual Membership Meeting
4:30 PM-6:30 PM	Reception, Awards Ceremony & Silent Auction

## Tuesday, June 23, 2009

7:00 AM	Registration Opens
7:00AM-8:00 AM	Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania Board Meeting
7:00 AM-4:30 PM	Exhibits Open
7:00 AM-8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM-9:00 AM	Breakfast Plenary Speaker <b>Dr. Callahan &amp; Guest Panelists</b> <i>When it is Safe to Go Back in the Pool?</i>
9:15 AM-10:30 AM	Workshops 12, 13, 14, & 15
10:30 AM-10:45AM	Coffee Break/Visit Exhibits
10:45 AM-12:00 PM	Workshops 16, 17, 18 & Special Session for Support Group Facilitators
12:15 PM-1:15 PM	Lunch Keynote Speaker <b>Congressman Todd Platts</b> <i>Congressional Update on Brain Injury</i>
1:15 PM-1:30 PM	Visit Exhibits
1:30 PM-2:45 PM	Workshops 20, 21, 22, & 23
2:45 PM-3:00 PM	Visit Exhibits
3:00 PM-4:00 PM	Closing General Session - <b>Scott Shaw</b> <i>Beyond the Invisible</i>
4:30 PM-8:30 PM	AACBIS Training

## Wednesday, June 24, 2009

8:00 AM-3:00PM	AACBIS Training & Exam
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**Monday, June 22, 2009**

**8:00 am – 10:00 am**

**Registration Opens**

**10:00 am – 10:45 am**

**Opening Keynote Session**

**PJ Long**

*Gifts from the Broken Jar*



PJ Long's life-altering moment came when the bolt of a terrified horse left her brain-injured. She became a stranger to herself, unable to drive a car, prepare a meal, or carry on a conversation. But when PJ began to write, pen and ink acted as needle and thread, mending her torn mind and stitching together a new life. This session will allow participants to learn about the personal experience of a trained psychotherapist who survived a brain injury. The presenter will share strategies she utilized to overcome memory and cognitive deficits including use of writing – resulting in the publication of several books.

**9:30 am – 5:00 pm - Exhibits Open**

**11:00 am - 12:15 pm**

**Session: (1) - Doreen Turner & Nabila Enam**

Beechwood Rehabilitation Services

*Nintendo Wii as a Modality in TBI Rehabilitation*

In recent years, the use of virtual reality as a part of rehabilitation has increased. The Nintendo Wii has been of particular interest for many. This presentation will give attendees an overview of how this game system is used in the therapy world as a modality. There will be video demonstration on use of the "Wii Sports" and "Wii Fit" games with the TBI population as well as client interview. The lab portion will give attendees an opportunity to have a hands-on experience with the "Wii" and get a better understanding of how virtual reality can be useful in rehabilitation.

**Session: (2) - Ginny Rogers**

Department of Public Welfare

*Brain Injury Task Force Update*

In April 2008, Department of Public Welfare (DPW) Secretary Estelle Richman convened a Brain Injury Recovery Task Force to examine issues relating to services for children and adults with brain injury. Eight workgroups developed recommendations for DPW that will improve, enhance, develop and/or coordinate services to positively

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**Session: (2) continued** - ... impact the lives of children, adults and families who are affected by brain injury. The themes that emerged across the workgroups deliver a consistent message: children and adults with brain injury currently face difficulty getting information, accessing services, and overcoming other barriers or gaps in services. This session will provide a progress update on the Task Force's work to date. Focus will be on the seven themes and corresponding recommendations.

**Session: (3) - Ann Marie McLaughlin**

ReMed

*Real Life Experiences – Supporting Recovery with Partnerships and Natural Supports*

This session will focus on strategies to support brain injury recovery by forming partnerships in the community and identifying natural supports in various settings. A panel of survivors and family members representing different roles will share their experiences, followed by discussion.

**Session: (4) - Chris Schaub**

ReMed

*Behavioral Analysis and Strategy Application After Brain Injury: Addressing the Long-Term Behavioral Outcomes of Brain Injury*

This session will provide information regarding the principles of the behavior analytic approach to assessing ongoing behavioral issues and awareness deficits after brain injury. Applications within a post-acute intensive rehabilitation setting will be discussed. Suggestions for neurobehavioral treatment will be provided.

**12:15 pm - 12:45 pm**

**Box Lunch Provided & Exhibits Open**

**12:45 pm – 2:00 pm**

**Session:(5) - Tessa Hart & Monica Vaccaro**

Moss Rehabilitation Research Institute

*Goal-Setting in Every Day Life*

Goal-setting is intrinsic to many human activities, and is a central concept in rehabilitation. However, the ability to set and meet goals is commonly disrupted by brain injury because the brain is the "organ" of goal-setting, and also because of major changes in life circumstances that typically follow injury. This presentation will review evidence-based methods for effectively setting, meeting, and maintaining goals in everyday life. We will discuss our and others' research findings, and will also invite audience members to share their challenges and successes with goal-setting methods. This presentation is intended both for

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**Session: (5) continued** - ... people with brain injury, and for therapists who help people affected by brain injury to establish and meet goals.

**Session: (6) - George Palmer & Gayle Chesley**  
FrontLine Ministries Inc. & The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

*Unique Respite Care Opportunities: Established Programs and Ways to Create Your Own*

TBI not only impacts the life of the person with the brain injury. Family members and loved ones also become "survivors" of the relational, physical, mental, emotional, spiritual and financial stresses that can fracture the family. Relationships with family and friends can quickly be stressed to the breaking point. Respite events provide opportunity for families and friends to be cared for in a positive environment. They also benefit from meeting others experiencing similar stresses.

**Session: (7) - Jessica Chappell**  
Main Line Rehabilitation Associates

*Natural Supports For Individuals with Brain Injury: A Framework for Success*

This presentation will first define natural supports. The purpose of natural supports in the home and community will be explored, including how to create real life and meaningful natural supports that facilitate the independence of all individuals with brain injuries. Case Studies will provide real life examples and serve as discussion points for guidelines on how to create and maintain natural community supports. Research and resources will be provided to the audience, including guidelines and how-to tips. Highlights will also include interviews with family/community members who have served as natural support systems for individuals with brain injuries.

**Session: (8) - Andy Packel**  
Drucker Brain Injury Center

*Technology in the Clinic: Exciting Opportunities*

Exciting advances in technology combined with significant progress in understanding of neuroplasticity have combined to offer a variety of new treatments for individuals with brain injury. This presentation will review increasing understanding of neuroplasticity and the rationale this provides for emerging treatments. Videos of new treatment technologies will contribute to improved understanding of their appropriate use and targeted application.

**2:15 pm to 3:30 pm**

**Session: (9) - Sally Kneipp**  
Community Skills Program

*Making It Real: Customizing Compensatory Strategies for Cognitive Impairments*

The focus of this session will be on the design and implementation of customized compensatory strategies to improve cognitive functioning at home and in the community. Elements to consider in the design of personalized strategies will be identified and reinforcement techniques to increase the consistency of use will be discussed. Samples of customized compensatory strategies for specific individuals with brain injuries will be presented and incorporated into handouts for the participants (for example, strategies to track cell phone minutes, to pack and plan for vacation, and to make decisions about organization of clothing when seasons change). Participants will be encouraged to share their ideas.

**Session: (10) - Carolyn Cass**

Pennsylvania Department of Health  
*Department of Health Plans for the Future*

This session will focus on Accomplishments of the Department of Health's Head Injury Program, current activities and program status, and plans for the future, including new initiatives.

**Session: (11) - Monica Vaccaro**  
Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania  
*Support Group Networking*

Support Groups can be an amazing way for families to support one another through a life-altering event. Come to learn how different groups are making this happen in creative ways and meet support group members from around the state. This session will provide an opportunity for those in similar roles to share experiences.

**3:45 pm to 4:30 pm**  
**Annual Membership Meeting**  
**All attendees welcome!**

**4:30 pm to 6:30 pm**  
**Reception, Awards Ceremony & Silent Auction**  
**All attendees welcome!**

Join other attendees for an opportunity to socialize with colleagues, meet new friends, enjoy great food and drinks, and support the Scholarship Fund at the silent auction!

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**Tuesday, June 23, 2009**

**8:00 am – 9:00 am**

**Breakfast Plenary  
Dr. James Callahan &  
Guest Panelists**

The Children's Hospital of  
Philadelphia

*When is it Safe to Go Back in the  
Pool? Cognitive and Physical Outcomes of Sports  
Concussions*



Sports concussions affect more than 300,000 people annually in the United States with the majority of injuries occurring in ten to eighteen year old patients. Recognition and understanding concussions, as well as the effects this "invisible injury" can have are necessary to ensure safe and productive returns to both school and sports.

**9:15 am to 10:30 am**

**Session: (12) - Dr. James Callahan &  
Guest Panelists**

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

*When is it Safe to Go Back in the Pool? - Part 2*

Dr. Callahan will continue the discussion on sports related concussions. Athletes and athletic personnel will be sharing their personal experiences with concussion. Presenters will talk about what was most helpful in their recovery, how they found resources and other important steps in their recovery. Various school programs will be discussed also.

**Session: (13) - Sam Pierce**

Widener University, Institute for Physical Therapy  
*Organizing a Brain Safety Fair: Making a Difference*

The presentation will discuss the process of organizing a Brain Safety Fair which is designed to educate the general public about helmet and sport safety to prevent traumatic brain injury. The session will review the process of identifying an appropriate venue, volunteer recruitment, station development, outcomes measurement, and public relations for a Brain Safety Fair. Practical tips for running a Brain Safety Fair will be the focus of the presentation.

**Session: (14) - Lynn Grahame**

Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania  
*Conversations Caf *

Lynn will be presenting resource information available to survivors and families, as well to provide linkage information for support groups and intervention options that might be useful across the Commonwealth.

**Session: (15) - Brenda Eagan-Brown**

Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania  
*BrainSTEPS: A Model School Re-Entry Program*

This session will present an update on the Brain STEPS Brain Injury School Re-Entry Program, developed by the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania under a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and partnered with the PA Department of Education. This program has established 21 Brain Injury Consulting Teams across the Commonwealth consisting of educational professionals, rehabilitation professionals and family members of students with brain injury. Teams work with local school staff to develop educational programs, academic interventions, strategy implementation, and monitoring of students. Discussion will focus on the continual need for brain injury training and awareness in schools and also will focus on what the teams have accomplished.

**10:45 am to 12:00 pm**

**Session: (16) - Tad Gorske & Mick Sittig**  
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine &  
ReMed

*Neuropsychological Assessment & Rehabilitation  
Person Centered Principles & Methods*

A rehabilitation program for traumatic brain injury (TBI) can improve a patients' quality of life. Neuropsychological assessment is an important component of TBI rehabilitation. This workshop will describe person centered principles of neuropsychological assessment and rehabilitation for empowering patients as active participants in TBI treatment.

**Session: (17) - Dawn Macomber**

Success Rehabilitation

*Self-Advocacy Skills for Individuals with Brain Injury*

Self-Advocacy skills are essential for individuals with disabilities. Common cognitive disabilities experienced by individuals with brain injury create a barrier to effective self-advocacy. Teaching individuals with brain injury self-advocacy skills is critical to their ability be independent, access services and effectively communicate wants and needs with caregivers. Often these skills are overlooked in the traditional rehabilitation models. This session will focus on specific skills necessary for effective self-advocacy. A curriculum and activities for teaching self-advocacy will be presented with specific strategies for teaching self-advocacy skills to individuals with brain injury.

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## Session: (18) - Larry Adams

Know No Bounds

*Travel Adventures: Beyond Your Dreams*

Ethan and Larry met 12 years ago on the ski slopes of Steamboat, Colorado, Ethan, a first-time bi-skier, Larry an adaptive ski instructor. What started out as a typical day on the slopes has turned into a relationship that over the past decade has taken them traveling all over the US and abroad. In this session, Larry invites you to entertain the growth and adventure possibilities that travel allows. Through pictures and video, travel with them from the ski slope to the world beyond brain injury as they crash through the barriers that limit their dreams.

## Session: (19) - Monica Vaccaro

Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania

*Support Group Facilitators Meeting*

This is a special session open to facilitators of brain injury support groups and those interested in starting a new support group. The focus will be on idea sharing, group problem solving around the challenges faced by support group facilitators and generating ideas for building structures to promote successful groups.

**12:15 pm to 1:15 pm**

## Luncheon Keynote Speaker

Representative Todd Platts

United States Congress, 19th District of Pennsylvania

*Congressional Update on Brain Injury*

The regulatory process is key to enable clinicians to provide high quality rehabilitation services and to ensure patients receive needed recovery services. Representative Platts will be sharing his perspective about progress made this last year on Reauthorization of the TBI Act, extension of TriCare benefits for wounded warriors under National Defense Authorization Act of 2008, and on TriCare coverage of cognitive rehabilitation. Congressman Platts has worked with Congressman Pascrell on the introduction of "The ConTACT Act" - the Concussion Treatment and Care Tools Act. Since mild brain injury remains so elusive, this effort brings attention to concussions caused by sports injuries, and to implement a methodology for schools to systematically carry out baseline assessment and evaluation of youth with suspected mild brain injury.



## Tuesday, June 23, 2009

**1:30 pm to 2:45 pm**

## Session: (20) - Scott Shaw

Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center

*Care Coordination within the Military, VA and Civilian Systems*

Scott will present the regional care coordination system of the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center. The Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center is a congressionally mandated program designed to address the needs of service members and veterans with traumatic brain injury. Scott will discuss the intake and follow-up protocols within the regional care coordination system. Additional discussion items will include military, VA, civilian systems of care and how civilian systems can be used to fill regional service gaps. Finally Scott will discuss the educational and outreach efforts of the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center which are available to providers within all systems of care.

## Session: (21) - Jill Schulman

Brain Injury Association of New Jersey

*Promoting your state Brain Injury Association through Education Awareness Advocacy and Activism*

This presentation will describe how to create opportunities to build state and local partnerships to achieve increased public awareness of brain injury and engage others in the mission, vision and support of the organization.

## Session: (22) - Juanita Kasper & Ed Snyder

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

*Post Secondary Education: A Plan for Success*

Individuals with disabilities are realizing their dreams of higher education in greater numbers. According to data from 2000, 9% of all undergraduates and 6% of all graduate students reported having a disability (National Center for Education Statistics, 2004). Individuals with disabilities who obtain a postsecondary education enjoy increased vocational options and greater lifetime earnings. Preparation for postsecondary education requires transition planning that includes academic and nonacademic goals. Forming a partnership with the services in the postsecondary setting is an essential key to success. This presentation will discuss the importance of students playing a key role in their own transition plan. The discussion will also include the factors that are necessary for success in a higher education. This session will answer the question: How can a student plan for success in their college experience?

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# CEU CREDITS

**Session: (23) - Dan Keating & Mary Brownsberger**  
Bancroft NeuroHealth

*Transforming Consumer Driven Goals into Long Term Outcomes*

Individuals with acquired brain injury often grapple with both the challenges faced due to the brain injury and the strong desire to “get back to normal.” Often, deficits in self-awareness or insight impact how challenges are perceived and addressed. Service providers face the sometimes daunting task of helping an individual define clear goals that are consistent with one’s unique interests and values and also lead in a step-wise, measurable fashion to improved functioning. Bancroft NeuroHealth Brain Injury Services has recently incorporated new person-centered measures into its process of goal setting and measurement, and is currently participating in a national study of long-term outcomes. This presentation will report the progress of these recent efforts and highlight best practices in the field of community-based brain injury rehabilitation.

**3:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

**Closing General Presentation**

Scott Shaw

Defense and Veterans Brain  
Injury Center

*Beyond the Invisible*

This session will include a showing of a 30-minute documentary which focuses on three veterans who sustained a brain injury in combat during Operation



Iraqi Freedom. The film is designed to educate the public, professionals, and advocates about what it means to live with a brain injury. Although the documentary portrays the challenges of brain injury in a military context, many of the struggles these veterans discuss are shared by all who experience a brain injury. Scott Shaw, the regional care coordinator for the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center, will moderate a discussion following presentation of “Beyond the Invisible”.

Discussion topics will include differences and similarities between military and civilian TBI, the impact of that TBI has on survivors and their families, and cultural issues that impact survivor families. Scott is a Certified Brain Injury Specialist and he has worked with civilian and military brain injury for more than 12 years.

## Continuing Education Credits and Contact Hours

ACT 48

Case Managers

Licensed Professional Counselors

Occupational Therapists

Personal Care Home Admin.

Physical Therapists

Psychologists

Social Work

Speech Therapists

Recreational Therapists

Rehabilitation Counselors

Rehabilitation Nurses

**Continuing education credits or contact hours have been requested and are pending approval. Anyone who would like to receive CEU credits must register in advance and pay the CEU fee of \$30.**

# ACBIS INFORMATION - JUNE 23-24, 2009

The Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania is hosting a post-conference Certified Brain Injury Specialist (CBIS) training for the Academy for the Certification of Brain Injury Specialists (ACBIS) on

**June 23 - 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm**  
**June 24 - 8:00 am -12:00 Noon**  
**Noon - 1:00 pm Lunch on Own**  
**1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Testing**

As a group administrator, BIAPA will represent this group throughout the certification process and act as the liaison between ACBIS and group members, ensuring the following: coordinate portions of group member applications and fees; maintain records of application materials, payments, and test answer sheets; coordinate official ACBIS training provided by Certified Brain Injury Specialist Trainers (CBIST); monitor and proctor the testing process; and contact ACBIS staff with any questions or concerns.

ACBIS offers a voluntary national certification program for both direct-care level staff and experienced professionals working in brain injury services. ACBIS provides staff and professionals the opportunity to learn important information about brain injury, to demonstrate their learning in a written examination and to earn a nationally recognized credential. CBIS certification is not restricted to any one profession or discipline. Rather, it is intended for anyone who delivers services specific to brain injury. **See the ACBIS website for eligibility requirements:** [www.aacbis.net](http://www.aacbis.net).

The Post Conference training workshop will be hosted by an ACBIS Certified Brain Injury Specialist and Trainer (CBIT) and will include the ACBIS Curriculum Materials (ACBIS Participant Guide, Power Point Note Slides, and Activity/Pre/Post-test materials). The certification test consists of a written exam that includes 50 multiple-choice questions based on *The Essential Brain Injury Guide* content and 20 additional multiple-choice, application questions regarding several case studies. Candidates must pass (80% or higher) to earn this credential. Please note that by participating in this program through the state affiliate, *The Essential Brain Injury Guide* is discounted to \$40.00 plus \$6.00 s/h. This text can be found on the BIAA website bookstore [www.biausa.org](http://www.biausa.org). Please inform the bookstore of your involvement in this group and the group number, **BIAPA09**. To maintain certification there are some continuing

education requirements and an annual renewal fee of \$50.00 for CBIS annually. Candidates will receive written notification of their exam score within 30 days after the test is received by ACBIS. Information about individual candidates and examination results will not be released to any party other than candidates, group administrators, or ACBIS board members. Candidates who do not pass the National Written Examination on the first administration may take one retest within one year of the initial test date at no additional charge.

- Payment will be made directly to the BIAPA. **If all materials are not returned to BIAPA by the due date the participant will not be able to take the test at the end of the conference and the course administrator will have to arrange other options for taking the test.**
- Discounted group rate for application is \$175
- Training Cost is \$75
- **Applications – completed and submitted by May 27, 2009**

The application form is now online, please go to [www.aacbis.net](http://www.aacbis.net). Please enter the group number **BIAPA09** so your application is appropriately processed. In addition to completing the online application form, applicants must submit a copy of the **employment verification form**, signed by a supervisor, and a detailed resume or CV. Submit your employment verification form and resume or CV to your Group Administrator immediately following entering your application online:

**Erika L. Mountz, MBA, OTR/L CBIST**  
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**All materials, applications, additional forms and payment are due on May 27, 2009.**

For more information about ACBIS, please visit [www.aacbis.net](http://www.aacbis.net).

# 2008 EXHIBITORS

Alternatives in Community Treatment, Inc.

Bancroft NeuroHealth

Beechwood Rehabilitation Services

Bioness, Inc.

Brain Injury Association  
of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Brain Injury Help Line:  
1-866-412-4755

PA Health & Human Services Call Center

Brighten Place

Community Skills Program

John Heinz Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine

Magee Rehabilitation Hospital

Main Line Rehabilitation Associates, Inc.

MossRehab Drucker Brain Injury Center

Pennsylvania Training and Technical  
Assistance Network

Progressive Health of  
Pennsylvania & New Jersey

ReMed

Success Rehabilitation, Inc.

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

The Children's Institute

UPMC Institute for  
Rehabilitation and Research

Whitemarsh House

**Brain Injury**   
**Association**  
**of Pennsylvania, Inc.**

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FAMILY MEMBERS  
THROUGH SUPPORT,  
EDUCATION, ADVOCACY,  
AND RESEARCH.**

To be an exhibitor, sponsor or  
advertiser at the 2009 Conference,  
contact Kara Dohrman at  
1-866-635-7097 or [admin@biapa.org](mailto:admin@biapa.org).

Additional information and forms are  
available online at [www.biapa.org](http://www.biapa.org)

# REGISTRATION FORM

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER - FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2009**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>REGISTRATION TYPE</b> (Full Conference registration includes Monday lunch, Monday evening reception, Tuesday breakfast, Tuesday lunch, and coffee breaks.)	<b>COST</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Professional: Full Conference	\$325	
Professional: One Day (Monday)	\$250	
Professional: One Day (Tuesday)	\$250	
Survivor/Family Member/Student: Full Conference	\$150	
Survivor/Family Member/Student: One Day (Monday)	\$110	
Survivor/Family Member/Student: One Day (Tuesday)	\$110	
AACBIS Training Course & Examination (Post Conference)	\$250	
AACBIS Training Course Only (Post Conference)	\$75	
AACBIS Examination Only (Post Conference)	\$175	
Continuing Education Credit Fee	\$30	
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>		

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\_\_\_\_ Check: payable to *BIAPA* Credit card: \_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_\_ AMEX

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**Complete form and return by May 29, 2009 to BIAPA 950 Walnut Bottom Road, Suite 15-229  
Carlisle, PA 17015 or via fax at (717) 776-4420, OR register online at [www.biapa.org](http://www.biapa.org).**

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